How To Write an Abstract

In collaboration with the GCSU Writing Center

Include the following:

1 ### Background & Purpose

Describes the significance of the project and provides context and literature background to justify the study. It answers the questions – "What do we know about the topic?" and "Why is the topic important?"

2 ### Methods

Introduces methodology, demographic, or procedural comments. Answers the question – "What is the study about?"

3 ### Results

Summarizes the main findings. Answers the question – "What was discovered?"

4 ### Discussion, Implications, & Conclusion

Discusses the outcome/results. Lists further implications, limitations and future developments. Answers the question – "What do the findings mean?"

Questions? Email murace@gcsu.edu

Formatting Guidelines:

1) Make sure your title is in title case (ex: The Brown Fox Ran Away).

2) Your title should be no more than **fifteen words**.

3) Your abstract should be between **200–300 words**.

4) References are allowed in your abstract but not required.

5) Do **NOT** use special characters; the submission form cannot read them.

6) Include text only. No graphics or images.

7) All abstracts must be approved by your faculty mentor listed on the submission form.

8) Double check punctuation and spelling; the title and author(s) will appear exactly as they are entered.

9) Conform to the expectations for style, content, and completion as determined by best practices in you discipline. Your mentor can assist you in determining this.

For more information:

Join the MURACE D2L course for short modules on Abstract Writing and Presentation Tips. Instructions to self-register for the course can be found here.

**Note: a 3rd module (Navigation) exists on the course but is only required for students applying for MURACE student travel funding.

For assistance:

Make an appointment with the Writing Center:
www.gcsu.edu/writingcenter